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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to health benefit plan coverage for enrollees diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1355.015(a), Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) At a minimum, a health benefit plan must provide coverage as provided by this section to an enrollee who is diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder from the date of diagnosis ~~[until the enrollee completes nine years of age. If an enrollee who is being treated for autism spectrum disorder becomes 10 years of age or older and continues to need treatment, this subsection does not preclude coverage of treatment and services described by Subsection (b)].~~

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 1355.015, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1355.015. REQUIRED COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN ENROLLEES ~~[CHILDREN]~~.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a health benefit plan that is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act. A health benefit plan that is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect at the time the health benefit plan is delivered, issued for

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1 delivery, or renewed, and that law is continued in effect for that
2 purpose.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.